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For: TELESCOPIC SHAFT FOR VEHICLE STEERING

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COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT AL (WO 99/08920)

Figure shows an arrangement which comprises an outer tube, an inner shaft, balls are supported elastically between the outer tube and the inner shaft.

COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT AM (EP 1167790)

In view of abstract and figure, balls are disposed between an outer tube and an inner shaft.

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